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Application No. 10/686,298 2 Based upon the foregoing remarks, all claims remain in condition for allowance. Ouestions regarding this application may be directed to the undersigned attorney by telephone, facsimile or electronic mail. Dated: January 8, 2007 Respectfully submitted, John G. Pesa Registration No.: 37,424 GEFORD, KRASS, GROH. SPRINKLE, ANDERSON & CITKOWSKI, P.C. 2701 Troy Center Drive, Suite 330

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